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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1908.

It has been said that the tree of liberty has never flourished in Asiatic soil, but however true this may have been at one time, it is hardly applicable to the present day. The bright exception of Japan at once comes to mind and there are signs that other peoples of Asia are equally desirous of obtaining the gift of political liberty. India may be mentioned as a case in point, but we do not propose to include it in our present consideration, as we believe the clamour for representation is confined to a comparatively small, but noisy, section of the populace and that, as the King's recent message indicates, when the people may be entrusted with some degree of autonomy it will not be withheld from them. Persia, however, is the other exception we have in view. The people of that country have had a constitution for about three years but it has not had a chance to develop. Its initial indiscretions were not condoned as youthful follies which would pass when knowledge came with maturer years, and it was early apparent that the present SHAH did not look with particular favour on the experiment of his father, although he signed a new constitution after his accession. Internal disorders have distracted the country for more than a year, culminating in the scenes in the capital which recalled historic events in the story of England when Oliver Cromwell, used his soldiers to disperse parliament, followed

by the long expected declaration of the SHAH that the constitution would be withdrawn. But, as our London correspondent announces, he has been compelled to cancel this declaration, and we may presume from this that the National Council will again be called into existence. What is most significant, however, is that Britain and Russia should have asserted themselves so promptly and so vigorously. They have demonstrated to the SHAH that the days of unlighted despotism in the land are at an end and that the fair prospect of political reform which charmed the nation is not yet an empty dream.

Until the liberal concession of the late SHAH, Persia had no settled laws, no State organisation, not even an attempt at systematic government. No one had any rights besides the King, and his authority was paramount. The administration of the land was conducted on the most iniquitous lines: offices were bestowed upon the highest bidders, and the poor farmers, traders and artisans looked upon those set over them as unscrupulous tyrants against whom they could not protect themselves. Now, it is hoped, the decadent nation will experience the sensations of revivification. At any rate the intellectual fermentation which it has shown for some little time indicates that the desire for political freedom is not new born. In many respects the outlook was more promising in Persia than in Turkey, for in Persia the national element is far stronger than the Turkish. The Persians also are livelier, more gifted and more excitable than the Turks, but, owing to a variety of causes, they have not advanced so far as their Western neighbours.

The SHAH's reasons for declaring that "never under any pretext shall such a parliament be established" will not bear examination. When he says that the learned people do not desire a constitution we must either conclude that they have changed their minds within a remarkably short period or else that the "King of Kings" has been misinformed. It is quite conceivable that the SHAH is ignorant of the real state of the country—of the abuses, the crying injustice and the corruption, which exist, and many patriotic Iranians regard the ministers and councillors who surround the PADI SHAH as being the real obstacles to progress. Like the people of Russia who believed that if they had access to the "LITTLE FATHER" all their wrongs would be righted, so these patriots believe that if only the SHAH was aware of the condition of the people all would be well. How long they will lug this delusion we cannot say? The second reason given by the SHAH for refusing a Parliament—that the clergy have decided it is in conflict with the laws of Islam—is one that might be expected to appeal strongly to the sons of Iran, but we imagine it will be discounted to some extent by the fact that the reformers have constituted Islam the fundamental principle of all reforms. By this means every innovation will much more effectively appeal to the faithful, but the fact that religion and government are practically inseparable in a country where the ruler is the spiritual head as well as the absolute monarch makes it difficult to forecast the chances of success of any thorough reform. The struggle with despotism and the wrestling for liberal institutions must, of necessity, be far greater in Persia than in Turkey owing to the power of the priests, and were it not for outside intervention we would doubt the possibility of an era of reform in that ancient land. It is evident that the future of Persia lies in the hands of Russia and Britain. The present régime is impossible. It is difficult for an Oriental sovereign to regard a constitution with anything but horror, and, without being unduly pessimistic, we may regard the compliance with the demand for a parliament as a mere pretence of acquiescence. How long it will continue we cannot say, but it seems to us the beginning of the end has come. The political independence of the Shohinsbahi has been dealt a staggering blow, and the time when the land will be placed under the sovereign protection of either Britain or Russia or both cannot be long delayed. There is the possibility of course that that action may not be necessary—that the reformers may do great things, may recreate the nation and establish an acceptable government on a sound basis but the chances are against them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Hughes and family returned to the Colony yesterday. Captain T. C. Leah, R.G.A., has been appointed to Hongkong. Yesterday at the Magistracy Mr. J. R. Wood committed three Chinese for trial for the murder of a constable at the Peak last month.

The marriage of Mr. Stanley A. Lane, Assistant Chairman, Tanjong Pagar Dock Board, Singapore, and Mrs. Frank Gove, formerly of Shanghai, will take place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on Thursday, December 3rd.

A Canadian seaman named R. Hutchinson, aged about 30, is reported to be missing from the *Empress of China* since the 23rd inst. He is about 5 feet 9 in. in height, of medium build, clean shaven, and of dark complexion.

The charge of arson against the manager of a silk and piece goods shop at 69 Bonham Strand has been dismissed. The Magistrate agreed that the case was one which should have been investigated but held there was no case against the defendant.

A boy employed at the Victoria Cinema, graph was at the Magistracy yesterday charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with having stolen eight boxes of cigars the property of Edward Ros, of 2 Cameron Road, Kowloon. He was convicted of the theft of one box and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

It is understood that H. E. the Governor of the Straits Settlements will proceed home on short leave in the spring of next year, probably about the end of March, and that he will return to Singapore about the close of July. We also note that Sir Henry McCallum, the Governor of Ceylon, will likely be proceeding to England about the same time also on short leave.

Both the *Devanha* and the *Nippon Maru* going north, the former sailing from Hongkong to-day and the latter to-morrow, will take letters for Europe marked "via Siberia". The *Empress of China* sailing on Saturday will do the same. Residents who have forgotten to post to friends at home should not miss these opportunities.

Mr. F. W. Mase, Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin, who has been granted two years' leave of absence and will proceed to Europe at the close of the year after having spent two years and a half at his present isolated post. Before serving at Tientsin Mr. Mase was in charge of the Kowloon Customs where, it will be remembered, he opened the Custom House in March 1904 upon Kowloon being made a Treaty Port.

A curious decision was given by a Magistrate at Singapore in a "dumping" case last month. A Macao man and woman were charged with dumping the dead body of a Chinaman in the People's Park. The evidence showed that the woman was sitting in the ricksha with the body, and the man was between the shafts. The Magistrate held that the Park was not included in the list of places where it was forbidden to dump corpses, and the accused were accordingly acquitted.

A case of alleged attempted poisoning is at present engaging the attention of the police. A Chinese woman, the wife of Bholu Singh, an Indian overseer at Kowloon City, is alleged to have administered food to her husband containing arsenic. At any rate the man became sick immediately after he had partaken of the food and Inspector Morrison, who was called to the man removed to the hospital. The woman was brought before the Magistrate yesterday and remanded.

A small party of Japanese architects has visited the Houses of Parliament at Westminster last month for the purpose of studying the type of architecture employed in Sir Charles Barry's buildings, and the general arrangements which prevail for the comfort and convenience of members. The object of the visit, which is only one of several that are being paid to the various capitals of Europe, is a London paper says, to enable the Government to incorporate some of the best features of the various Houses of Parliament of the world in the new buildings which are to be erected at Tokyo. The architects were to pursue their investigations in Berlin and other foreign capitals before returning to their own country, where their reports will have an important bearing upon the plans which will be at once prepared in the department of the Office of Works at Tokyo.

We observe that in a message wired from Peking on the October 29th the *Times* correspondent intelligently anticipated events. The basis of the telegram was the withdrawal of the Russian Legion guard, and Dr. Morrison commented: "The other Powers would view the removal with more favour were greater security felt regarding the succession to the throne." The continued indisposition of the Emperor, who was never robust, causes concern especially as no provision has yet been made as far as foreigners know, for his nominal future successor. While occasionally able to receive persons in audience, for some time past he has been unable to preside at the Imperial sacrifices. Last Sunday, the first day of the first winter month, he was unable to conduct the important sacrifice to his Imperial ancestors, his place being taken by Prince Kung, grandson of the well-known Prince who for many years was President of the old Tungning-Yamen. Every five days two English-speaking Chinese doctors, trained in Western medicine, attend at the Palace, but are not permitted to make a thorough examination. As previously reported, the opinion is widely held that the wisest appointment as Heir-Apparent would be Prince Pu-Jun, an intelligent man, who represented China at the Louisiana Exhibition, and enjoys a good reputation. He is in the proper generation for the succession, and his selection would inspire confidence at home and abroad. He is, however, entertained that in an evil hour he will be passed over in favour of the infant son of the Emperor's brother Prince Chun, who conducted the expiatory mission to Germany after the Boxer troubles. Another long reign would be fraught with considerable danger to the dynasty.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S FINANCES.

LONDON, November 26th.

The Duma has proposed that a loan of forty-five millions should be raised.

MARATHON RACE
COMPETITORS.

LONDON, November 26th.

Dorando, the Italian athlete who all but won the Marathon Race at the recent Olympic Games in London but fell at the tape, has defeated Hayes, the American competitor who was awarded the race on that occasion, in a race over a twenty-six miles course at New York by 100 yards.

LINER BURNED.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, November 26th.

The liner "Sardinia" was practically destroyed by fire at (near) Malta and 130 people lost their lives.

[We presume that this message refers to the steel screw steamer *Sardinia*, owned by the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company which was built at Whiteinch near Glasgow in 1902, her port of registry being Glasgow and her gross tonnage 6574 tons. She is a sister ship of the *Sumatra*. The *Sardinia* was probably on her way to Calcutta when she met with this misfortune. Doubtless the disaster took place at sea when the death toll is so heavy. Probably many of those who lost their lives were drowned.]

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE DEFENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, November 24th.

The House of Lords has adopted a motion by Lord Roberts by 74/32 affirming the necessity of an army strong enough to deter the most formidable nation from attempting a landing in Great Britain, for which a million men are required. It is dangerous to trust to the navy alone. Lord Roberts dwelt on the possibilities of a German invasion.

Subsequent speakers deprecated the discussion in view of the present state of the nerves of Europe.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

LONDON, November 24th.

At the memorial service of the late Emperor and the Dowager Empress of China at the Chinese Legation in Berlin, Prince Biao and the diplomats who attended bowed before the memorial tablets of the deceased sovereigns.

THE LICENSING BILL AND THE LORDS.

LONDON, November 24th.

At a meeting of the Unionist Peers it was resolved by a large majority to reject the Licensing Bill in the House of Lords. Lord Lansdowne will move the rejection to-day.

PERSIA.

LONDON, November 24th.

The Shah has withdrawn his anti-parliament proclamation, doubtless the result of a vigorous Anglo-Russian protest which was lodged immediately after the proclamation was issued.

INDISPOSITION OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, November 24th.

The Kaiser is confined to his bed by a cold.

THE CASABLANCA ARBITRATION.

LONDON, November 24th.

The Casablanca Arbitration Treaty has been signed. Proceedings will open at the Hague in the Spring.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Yesterday morning an unusual accident occurred in Queen's Road East opposite Wellington Barrack. The high travelling carriage, described as the overhead trolley, used for repairing the overhead wire of the tramway system, was being utilised at this particular locality, three men being at work on the platform. Apparently the trolley wheels were not sufficiently clear of the tram rails, and when a car came along it struck the trolley and overturned it, precipitating the three men to the ground. Two of them received serious injuries and were removed to hospital while the third escaped practically unhurt.

THE SITUATION AT PEKING.

Owing to the very strict censorship which is being exercised no news is obtainable from Peking. It is reported that a native newspaper which published some reference to affairs at the Palace was fined \$300. The journal was the *Ta Tung Tai*.

HOLDING FOR RANSOM.

An interesting charge was heard before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday when Mr. G. N. Orme on behalf of the police presented two women for unlawfully detaining a child by force. It appears that about midnight on October 14th a man named Hing Lee residing in the Shan Tuk district was awakened from his sleep by three robbers, armed with rifles and revolvers entering the house. They took with them his son, a boy of ten years of age, and after keeping him in the country for some time brought him to Hongkong. He was subsequently found at 81, Station Road, Yau-mat, where, according to his story, he was kept for six weeks in the company of the defendants, one of whom taught him to call her mother. He was not allowed out on the verandah or stairs. When the police went to the house the men were absent but in a box belonging to one of the defendants a letter was found addressed to the boy's father asking him to hurry up and produce the ransom. "We want \$2,000 ransom" was a sentence in the letter. After hearing the evidence of the father and the boy, his Worship convicted the younger defendant and sentenced her to one year's imprisonment. The second defendant said that the other brought the child to her house and said that he was her son. The case against her was remanded.

TWO EASTERN BISHOPS RESIGN.

Dr. Fyson, after thirty-four years' service in Japan, has resigned the Bishopric of the Hokkaido. He went out to Japan as a C.M.S. Missionary in 1874. Some years later he became principal of the C. M. S. Theological College at Osaka, and was consecrated Bishop in 1896. Dr. Fyson has now become rector of Elmley Lovett, Drostwich.

The Rev. Bishop Hose, who is now in London, has resigned the Bishopric of Singapore, Labuan, and Sarawak. Dr. Hose first came to the East as Colonial Chaplain of Malacca in 1868. He was appointed Colonial Chaplain of Singapore in 1873, and two years later became Archdeacon of Singapore. He became Bishop in 1881. The retiring Bishop is 70 years of age, and as these short biographical notes show, forty years of his life have been spent in the East.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

TIME LIMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION SET.

The Board of Posts and Communications, has notified the Canton Authorities that owing to the death of the late Emperor and Empress Dowager His Excellency Chang Chi Tung will not be able to proceed to Canton to investigate the Canton-Hankow Railway Co's affairs. The office which was recently established in Peking by Chang Chi Tung for this purpose has been abolished and the entire management of the Railway has been placed under the control of the Board. The Board has decided to depute three special delegates to proceed to the Provinces of Hupeh, Hunan and Kwangtung before the end of this year to investigate the financial position of the Canton-Hankow Railway companies in each of these provinces and also to ascertain the actual amount of work constructed in each province. The dispatch allows two years' time to the Kwangtung Company to complete its section of the line and three years are set for the completion of Hupeh and Hunan sections. If the capital is not fully subscribed by the shareholders of these three sections the Board of Posts and Communications will find the necessary funds for the construction of the entire line.

It is reported that His Excellency Chang Chi Tung has appointed Taotai Wong Ping Yan as Chief Superintendent of the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, but so far the appointment has not been confirmed.

The Directors of the Company at Canton have announced to the public that a further extension of 15 days is allowed to the shareholders for the payment of the second instalment on the shares. The previous extension of two months' expired on the 23rd instant. Telegrams to the above effect have already been sent abroad.

THE POLICE AND STATE MOURNING AT CANTON.

Recently some of the poor people of Canton who are either ignorant of the State mourning rites or too poor to replenish their wardrobes with mourning suits have been experiencing rather rough treatment in the streets at the hands of the police.

The other day a woman carrying a two-year old child on her back was passing near the Kwongchow Prefect's Yamen when a policeman pounced upon the child and tore off a gaudy-coloured jacket made of foreign printed cloth. The poor little youngster was almost frightened to death and screamed with all his might.

Yesterday another woman who had some red string in her coiffure, was stopped by the police who tore the offending string from her hair. Several coolies who wore old coloured European sweaters which had been purchased probably from second hand stores were requested by the police to take them off.

It is a general opinion that the police should exercise more discretion in the enforcement of the orders.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Moyori Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 1st prox. The C.P.R. steamer *Monteagle* arrived Kobe at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday the 25th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m. on Sunday the 29th inst.

A NEW FREIGHTER. The *Thames*, a new liner built for the Ocean Steamship Company of Liverpool for trade between Great Britain and the Far East, is lately carried out her trials. She is 460 ft. long and of a gross tonnage of 5,700. The vessel is now on her maiden voyage to China and Japan.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

November 25th.

I.M. CUSTOMS.

There is dissatisfaction amongst a few clerks or "Wan-ans" of the Chinese staff of the I. M. Customs. There was a general increase in the salaries in the whole Customs Chinese staff but a few Wan-ans have been excepted; hence the murmuring.

NEW BANK NOTES.

The Ta Ching Bank (Imperial Chinese Government Bank) here have issued notes that will have the same value as foreign bank notes. The notes can be cashed at any time. They will issue taol notes when the taol coins are put in circulation.

GAS FACTORY.

A wealthy merchant here, named Kwan Trun Chow, has petitioned the Taotai of Industries for the privilege of building a Gas Factory to supply gas-lights to residents in the City of Canton. The capital is \$1,000,000. The Taotai has not yet sanctioned the privilege.

A CRANE'S DIVERSION.

A certain military official who has a grudge, no doubt, against Ex-Viceroy Shum is stamping on all the Hongkong and Shanghai bank notes that go through his hands the characters (斬奪權全案) i.e. "Behead" Shum Chun Han and his whole family.

LOCAL SPORT.

SERVICE CRICKET.

ARMY V. NAVY.

The two days' match between teams representing the Army and Navy was concluded on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday in the presence of a fair attendance which included Admiral Lambton, General Broadwood and Colonel Darling. Music was provided during the afternoon by the Buffs band. The Navy concluded its first innings with a total of 268 runs, falling short of the Army representatives' score by 31 runs. In addition to the scores mentioned previously Mullineux compiled a useful 41 and Somerville 28. Seven of the naval batsmen were dismissed by Baird for a total of 84 runs, the other two wickets being taken by Anderson and Garrett. The Army's second innings was declared with six wickets down for a total of 190. Haughton headed the batsmen with a score of 57, Green, not out, having 24 to his credit. So far as the second innings of the sailors had gone when time was announced, it was a complete fiasco, only two of the batsmen reaching double figures scores. As two wickets remained intact, however, the match ended in a draw. Mullineux showed to better advantage as a trundler than on the opening day, despatching three of the Army batsmen for 44 runs. Lewis lowered two wickets for 23 and the sixth man succumbed to one of Maundrell's deliveries. Five of the Navy batsmen were dismissed by Baird for 20 runs. Anderson taking the other three for a total of 35. Complete scores and analyses follow—

ARMY.				
FIRST INNINGS.				
Bailey, l.b.w., b Haddon	21			
Garrett, b Maundrell	46			
Baird, at Edwards, b Maundrell	31			
Anderson, c Oliver, b Maundrell	40			
Haughton, c Maundrell, b Haddon	0			
Green, c Haddon, b Maundrell	3			
Power, not out	89			
Bagnall, c Maundrell, b Maundrell	14			
Gill, at Edwards, b Maundrell	5			
Innes, at Edwards, b Maundrell	29			
Thompson, c Maundrell, b Maundrell	42			
Extras	25			

Total				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Mullineux	0	M.	R.	W.
Maundrell	29	2	137	7
Haddon	9	4	32	3
Wright	5	—	23	—
Lewis	12	—	10	—
Maundrell	12	—	3	—

NAVY.				
FIRST INNINGS.				
Maundrell, l.b.w., b Baird	15			
Tovey, not out	23			
Lewis, c Garrett, c Baird	23			
Oliver, b Anderson	21			
Raymond, b Baird	4			
Haddon, b Baird	4			
Mullineux, b Garrett	21			
Wright, c and b Baird	7			
Penson, c Anderson, b Baird	26			
Edwards, not out	21			
Somerville, c and b Baird	21			
Extras	36			

Total				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Baird	29	12	84	54
Haughton	6	—	25	—
Bagnall	7	—	21	—
Anderson	17	6	39	1
Garrett	10	5	43	1

ARMY.				
SECOND INNINGS.				
Power, c Tovey, b Maundrell	21			
Garrett, c and b Maundrell	22			
Haughton, b Lewis	57			
Bagnall, b Mullineux	11			
Baird, c Somerville, b Maundrell	13			
Anderson, c and b Lewis	16			
Green, not out	24			
Innes, not out	8			
Extras	20			

Total for 4 wickets.				
BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Mullineux	12	4	44	3
Maundrell	12	1	69	1
Haddon	5	—	38	—
Lewis	4	—	28	—

NAVY.				
SECOND INNINGS.				
Somerville, b Baird	12			
Haddon, b Anderson	7			
Oliver, c sub, b Baird	3			
Tovey, c Anderson, b Baird	4			
Edwards, b Baird	5			
Lewis, b Anderson	2			
Mullineux, c and b Baird	13			
Penson, b Anderson	7			
Wright, not out	0			
Raymond, not out	8			
Extras	7			

Total

CHINA ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER IN LONDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, October 28.

The annual dinner of the China Association was held last night in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole. It was largely attended and compared well with all previous gatherings of the Association. Most of the familiar faces connected with the Association were there, and some also not so often seen in London.

The members and guests were received by the President, Mr. J. H. Scott, before the dinner. The dining hall was tastefully decorated with a display of Japanese chrysanthemums and behind the chairman's seat the flags of Great Britain, China and Japan were entwined.

Taken all round, the gathering was a great success, though there were some awkward moments due to the determination of certain speakers to make long orations, despite the example and the appeal of the Chairman, who asked that the speeches should be short so that there would be more time for conversation. His scheme went all agley, and he was clearly displeased about it.

Supporting Mr. Scott at the Chairman's table were Sir Robert Hart, Sir Thomas Jackson, Sir Henry Blake, Sir Cecil C. Smith, General Sir Alfred Gaselee, Sir Charles P. Lucas, Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, Sir Francis Campbell, Sir Alfred Dent, General Sir O'Moore Creagh, Sir Montagu Turner, Sir Edward Fithian, Dr. Eccles, Messrs Henniker Heaton, M. P., T. H. Whitehead, W. Ryle Wright, W. Langley, H. Harrison, H. Hodge, R. S. Gundry, Admiral Swinton, C. Holland, Captain T. D. Jackson, Gershom Stewart, H. Pinckney, Byron Brown, V. F. Brady, H. B. Morse, W. Cartwright, E. K. P. Moon, A. Dwyer, W. H. Tottis, while at other tables were W. Adamson, C. S. Addis, T. F. Agar, C. G. Alabaster, H. J. Allen, B. F. Alston, L. Anderson, Alexander Anderson, T. C. Anderson, A. G. Angier, R. C. Antrobus, F. L. Baker, J. F. Bannister, A. J. Barry, Sir John Wolfe Barry, K. Wolfe Barry, Montague Beart, H. N. Belcher, C. Peto Bennett, F. C. Bishop, W. C. Bishop, R. Blackwell, Robert H. Boyce, Vice-Admiral Sir G. T. B. Boyes, H. R. Boyd, H. F. Brady, A. S. Bremner, George Brown, Sir John McLeary Brown, Neilage Brown, Thomas Brown, J. Brownhill, Robert H. Bruce, H. G. Bunting, H. Fulford, Bush, Alexander Campbell, A. St. Clair Campbell, A. B. Catlin, George Cawston, W. Chalmers, W. G. Clarke, J. W. Craik, S. W. Crapnell, W. A. Cruickshank, F. A. Cumming, J. F. Cummingham, G. Davies, L. B. Davies, P. V. Davies, S. Konard Davis, J. N. Dawson, Herbert Dent, T. M. Derman, W. W. Dickinson, C. W. Dickson, F. D'Almeida, R. P. Dippie, G. B. Dodwell, Sir Charles Dugden, F. B. Eastwood, Gustav Eckhardt, N. J. Ede, Albert Ellis, E. G. Evans, John Ewart, G. V. Fiddes, W. Fisher, J. M. Flanagan, M. Fletcher, H. G. Forbes, Colin M. Ford, E. Gamman, A. S. Garfit, Anthony George, W. Gibson, J. Gilliland, S. Gilliland, James Graham, G. L. Gratton, R. M. Gray, H. A. Gwynne, E. H. Hancock, H. S. Hancock, E. A. Hankey, J. C. Hanson, J. S. Happer, J. R. Harding, Horace G. Harwood, William Harwood, A. H. Heath, C. B. W. Heath, A. E. Hippelley, A. V. Hogg, T. A. Holland, Edgar J. Houle, Sam Hughes, E. L. Hunter, H. E. R. Hunter, George Jamieson, J. W. Jamieson, G. F. Johnson, Dr. J. Johnson, H. H. Joseph, Walter Judd, Henry Kewick, William Kewick, M. P., C. H. King, H. Kopsch, J. E. Dick Lauder, F. Leyburn, A. D. Lowe, J. M. Macdonald, J. J. Macgregor, James McLean, Charles Mackintosh, J. S. Mackintosh, Frank Maitland, J. A. Maitland, Major Maitland, C. E. Marshall, F. J. Marshall, F. J. Mayors, J. B. Michael, J. D. Moore, H. S. Morris, Henry Morris, J. K. Morrison, F. P. Nathan, A. P. Nator, E. C. Nesbitt, E. De Neville, H. C. Norris, A. C. Olliphant, J. Orange, E. Osborne, John H. Osborne, E. H. Oxley, G. M. Palmer, A. Peterson, Joseph W. Paton, J. H. Perry, W. H. Poate, G. H. Potts, H. Pound, Hon. C. H. Rason, W. E. Reeves, C. Reichardt, Dr. D. J. Reid, John Richards, R. L. Richardson, H. W. Robertson, W. Bruce Robertson, W. S. Robilland, J. Roselli, H. J. Rothwell, J. Lunge, E. W. Rutter, C. V. Sale, George Sale, V. M. Sale, F. Salinger, H. Salinger, E. D. Sanders, P. Savile, B. C. G. Scott, T. P. Seagriff, W. Shakspeare, C. S. Sharp, W. H. Sheffield, H. J. Shepard, J. M. Shields, J. Silverton, G. Mackrill Smith, P. Y. Smith, Frank Souter, N. J. Stabb, E. A. Stanton, A. P. Stokes, Frank O. Stuart, John Swire, Sir Henry Tanner, J. M. Taylor, J. H. Teesdale, C. Temperley, J. Temperley, J. Tetley, A. B. Tomkins, B. G. Tours, A. M. Townsend, F. F. Turner, George T. Veitch, Fred Ward, J. C. Ward, W. C. Ward, Dr. James Watson, A. G. M. Wale, D. Wehrschmidt, Joseph Welch, E. S. Wheeler, H. Whistler, A. F. White, H. C. Wilcox, R. C. Wilcox, H. Wilcockson, A. J. Williams, James Wilson, J. Dennison Wilson, V. D. O. Wintle, Carl Welter, A. G. Wood, Dr. E. Wood, Thomas Worthington, G. M. Young, and A. Zimmermann.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured on the call of the CHAIRMAN, Mr. J. H. Scott gave the toast of "Prosperity to the China Association."

He said it had been the practice of many of the gentlemen who had filled that chair on previous occasions to review at some length, in proposing that toast, the more important matters that had engaged the attention of the committee during the year. That example he did not intend to follow—(Applause)—for he held the opinion that assemblies of that kind were intended to be social functions. They were intended to afford an opportunity for members of the Association to foregather with those they knew in the Far East and to cement and renew the friendships then formed. (Applause). Further, he thought that the business part of the Association was better dealt with at the annual meeting and that the business that had been

done during the year should be commented upon by the chairman at that annual meeting. Such being the case he would not detain them long, but it might be useful to give a few facts and figures that went to show that the Association had been prosperous. (Applause) Some twenty years ago it occurred to a certain number of late residents in China, prominent among them being Sir Alfred Dent, Mr. William Kewick, and Mr. Gundry, that it would be desirable to found a Society to bring together old residents in China, so that they might meet and renew their friendships and keep in touch with the country where they had spent many years. The result of their efforts culminated in a dinner, a China Dinner, held in the beginning of March, 1889, and at which some 130 gentlemen connected with China were present. As a result of that dinner the Association was formed and put upon good lines of working. At a meeting held shortly after its formation the committee was chosen and it elected Mr. William Kewick as Chairman, and Mr. Gundry very kindly undertook the honorary secretaryship. (Applause). It was needless for him to tell them of the good work done by those gentlemen during the twelve or fifteen years in which they were engaged with it in those capacities. (Applause). The all knew that it was almost solely due to the devotion and hard work done by Mr. Gundry that the Association had attained the position it occupied at present—(Applause)—for he did not think if they had searched the whole wide world they could have found a man more eminently equipped for the position than Mr. Gundry. He was imbued with China from his cradle to his feet and what he did not know about the subject was not worth knowing. It was owing to him that they had attained a standing with a great Government Department, for to that end he had devoted all his energy, tact and knowledge. Well, the Association was rapidly getting out of its stage of infancy, for he might tell them their next dinner would celebrate their coming of age. (Applause). They would agree with him that the Association was not merely a healthy infant, but would develop into a very powerful manhood. The membership of the Association had steadily increased. At the end of the first year there were 110 members only. That number grew and in five years there were over three hundred members. At the end of the tenth year they had 550 members, and at present he was glad to report that they had a thousand members on the roll. (Applause). Many of the members were outstanding commercial men associated with China, Governors who had been engaged with the administration of Hongkong, and all sorts and conditions of men who had spent a great portion of their lives in China. It was the parent society and was supported in the East by branches formed at different times, in Hongkong, Shanghai, Tientsin, and Japan. By those branches the committee was kept in touch with all that was going on in China, and facts as to commerce and trade with this country were kept up to date. Nothing in any way affecting their interests in China was neglected by the Committee: anything brought before them by the branches was taken up by the Committee at once and everything was done to forward the view of those on the spot in China and Japan. He thought that in the hands of the capable men who had succeeded the first officials of the Association they could rely on the Association continuing to prosper—(Applause)—and he was perfectly certain that those who came after would look back and regard with appreciation the benefit that had been done by those who had the happy idea of starting the Association. (Applause). Instead of listening to longer speeches it was better to leave time for friendly conversation afterwards—(Loud applause)—and if some disagreed with that view he hoped they would give him credit for being whole-hearted in his belief on that head—(Applause).—He had already had an opportunity of shaking hands with many men whom he had not seen for many years, and it was with a keen sense of pleasure that he met them.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, winding up with a "Tiger." There was no response to the toast.

Mr. GERSHOM STEWART said the ruling of the chairman as to the brevity of speeches placed him in a difficult position, but then he was proposing the toast of the Association and naturally was modest. But he (the speaker) had to propose the health of the guests and might be given a little more latitude. He felt he had behind him to the last man every member of the Association when he proposed the toast. Whatever differences of opinion they might have, they from China were united to the core when it came to hospitality—(Applause). It was a legacy that had been handed down to them, and seed had been sown on good ground, so that the work was still going on and the lamp of hospitality was still burning brightly. When he received the list of guests he could not help feeling a justifiable pride that their gathering attracted such distinguished company. It would only be making trouble for himself if he talked of the eminence of these gentlemen, or especially mentioned any where all were of such transcendent merit. The Japanese, who studied procedure and ceremony, placed the warriors first, the agriculturists second and then last of all came the merchants and the traders—(Laughter). With the British he believed those who attended to the business of the next world, the clergy, came first, then the officers of the civil administration, then the warriors, and the rest nowhere—(Laughter). He grieved to see that the first class was not well represented that night, but after the devout and earnest way the chairman had said grace it could only be added that their place had been well filled—(Laughter). In regard to the civil administrators he saw an array of gentlemen responsible in their high positions for the government of the country. As he might not have an opportunity of gathering so many of them together again he was going to rush in where angels feared to tread

and combine a little business with pleasure. He would say a word in their ear in confidence, especially those gentlemen concerned with the Board of Trade. He wished to ask their good offices in certain possible circumstances. He was not going to throw the apple of discord into the happy throng or criticize what was a law, actual or in the making. It was still in the clouds, and long might it remain there. In the debate on the last Budget a certain member, a very clever and persuasive member made the novel and unpleasant suggestion that the income tax on money invested in foreign countries should be increased. That, he felt, would come home to many members of the Association round those tables—(Hear, hear). It was a proposal that could hardly greet with undiluted enthusiasm—(Applause). It was hardly with that idea that the man who had spent the best years of his life perhaps in keeping open the door to British trade in China and Manchuria, and being often severely pinched in the process, turned homeward. It was not exactly the picture he had in his mind that as soon as he turned homeward to lay his bones with those of his forefathers, he was to be met on the wharf by a rubicund and portly member of the Excise who had evidently never suffered from malaria and perhaps had never even seen a mosquito, with the demand "Ten per cent. of your money or I will make the rest of your life a burden to you!" (Applause).

If the officials present would look around they would see men of substance, many of them, but certainly all men of merit—(Laughter and applause)—with simple faith and child-like simplicity, and even those who had fallen from grace slightly, still clung to the hope that the promises told them in their youth were true, especially that one that ran "And the wind shall be tempered to the shorn lamb"—(Laughter and applause). All of them had many and various causes for going to the seat of benevolence and mercy, but they did not want to have reason for being unduly importunate, nor did they wish to be shorn any closer than their neighbours—(Hear, hear). It might be that some of them who had lived in British Colonies might be allowed to scrape in to the present financial paradise of a skilling in the pound, but that was a kind of colonial preference that they did not want at all. They all belonged to one place, they had all been to the place where the sun rises, they were imbued with the sense of good fellowship and they would sink or swim together—(Applause). They did not take the attitude of the Scotch minister who spoke to an inattentive gathering as follows: "You may hope to climb into Heaven on my coat tails, but I tell you at the Day of Judgment I shall wear a jacket!" (Laughter). Thus they of Hongkong did not wish to leave their brethren of the China Port, to be mulcted under any two-shillings-in-the-pound scale. He was sure the Foreign and Colonial Office would give the members of the Association a good character, and he hoped the officials present if the evil day came would give them their protection. He spoke with a heavy breath before many governors of Colonies, and they and many of these present would be glad that they in the Colonies had a precedent in the inertia of government departments. His views were propounded to them, and did not commend themselves to their judgment. (Applause). He apologised for using the word "Protection," but they were all united in its favour when it came to the protection afforded by the force of the Crown. First, as to the senior service. He was truly glad to see Admiral Sir Gerard Noel. They knew him well in the East and they liked him, as one of the finest specimens of British oak. All in China would remember the Russo-Japanese war what reliance they placed in the British fleet under his command. They knew it was ready for any emergency. Now that he had been changed to a station at the North Sea. If the clouds gathering there came to a point where they had to be met by the fleet he felt sure they would be given a reception suitable to the occasion, and their distinguished guest and his men would do their duty brilliantly. When it came to the Army it was a more difficult matter to know where they stood, for it was in a continually changing state. The Volunteers had disappeared altogether. How many men they had he did not know in the new Territorials. He believed some people professed to know but he did not think they did. The military correspondent of the Times last week was most hazy about it and if he did not know who could be expected to do so? But now they were filling up the forces from the ranks of the unemployed—(Laughter). They only heard last night that while the inexperienced and untrained unemployed was coming in at the door the trained reservist was going out at the window to the end of the universe—(Laughter). Were they wise in waiting till bad times in trade came to recruit their forces? With the "mailed" fist on the horizon, treaties torn up before their eyes, India restless and the Cape an unknown quantity, surely it was becoming more and more important to make sure of their strength and their preparedness to hold their wide territories intact. However they hoped the new army would approximate in some degree to the old soldiers of the past who had made their history out of great deeds: in drinking to the toast they would remember the old army and hope for the best for the new army. They had many distinguished members of both services present. On behalf of the Association he extended to them a most sincere and hearty welcome. (Applause).

Admiral Sir GERARD NOEL was very heartily cheered on rising to respond. After complimentary references to the Association he proceeded to say that China was of all parts of the world the most interesting. He was first there forty-two years ago, and probably few members of the Association could go so far back. Then he was recently there as Commander-in-Chief and most thoroughly did he enjoy that period. He was not merely interested in the

Russo-Japanese war, but the friendship of many in China was a very agreeable memory. China as a nation was undergoing very great changes. He had been very anxious on many occasions as to what might happen on their shores. His report home was that for perhaps five years or longer until the future was fully extended, there was great stability of trouble in China. He was seriously distressed when just before he left the station they removed a large number of his small craft, but he was thankful to know that several had been replaced—(Applause). He would like to say a few words on the commercial aspect. He held that one of the most important things for British commerce in China was the railway terminating at Kowloon. If that was fully developed and in connection with it lines of railways were run throughout Southern China, Hongkong would have an extraordinary revival—(Applause). He thanked them all cordially on behalf of the guests for their warm welcome—(Applause).

Mr. C. V. SALE in proposing the health of the Chairman, attributed his selection as the proposer to his connection with the British Association of Japan, an association now working as a branch of the China Association in the Island Empire of the Pacific. It was a matter for much satisfaction that several members of the Japan Committee and several of the first promoters of the Japan branch were present that night. (Applause). He would merely make brief mention of the feelings of warm regard and high esteem in which the President was held. The large attendance and the enthusiastic reception of the toast required no emphasis. In the realm of commerce they looked upon him as the exemplification of that persistent and persevering, cautious but enterprising, Scottish character, which had contributed so much to the extension of British influence. What would the Empire be without the pioneer effort of the Scotsmen? (Applause). What would the British share of the Eastern trade be without their upbuilding work? And what would the authority of the China Association be without the public spirited sympathy and co-operation of men of whom "Our Scott" was a leading example. It signified well for the future success of the Association that one engaged in many of the greatest enterprises supporting British commercial prestige in the East should give so freely of time and thought to the promotion of the general welfare. (Applause). As a newcomer he would take that opportunity of saying how greatly he appreciated the privilege of membership in a Society founded and supported by those who thus showed their earnest and thorough belief in the virtue and efficacy of organised self help. In the present day there was far too little of that belief. The State was apparently expected to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the individual, the Government was increasingly regarded as the only source of all initiative and enterprise, the fountain of employment and the universal provider for every want from infancy to old age. (Applause). Those of them who had been in and beyond the "outposts of Empire" knew that the Commonwealth of Greater Britain, its extent of trade and the far reaching influence of its power were not reared upon such ideas.

They were convinced that the maintenance of the trust bequeathed to them by their fathers, and always well kept, upon individual effort and achievement. At the same time the complex conditions of modern life and the annihilation of distance brought those individual efforts so closely together that they might be likened to a continuous chain—link within link—of reciprocal interests and the China Association might be said to represent the combined strength of that Far Eastern chain. (Applause). It was that wider view of reacting wants and interests which induced the members of the British Association of Japan to join their forces with those of the China Association. In the enthusiasm and energy of the members of the Japan branch, now numbering about 250; the China Association had acquired a valuable asset. It was true that China because of her greater possibilities loomed larger in the public eye than Japan, but from the present trade volume point of view there was not much difference. If found in 1907 the exports of British products to China, including Hongkong, were valued at fifteen and a half millions sterling, and to Japan, during the same period, at sixteen and a half millions. Besides being secured by Japan in the "outposts of Far Eastern policy," and so on, could he do not doubt that the presence in the country of a strong and representative membership would be found of great advantage to the Central Committee, sitting in London. On the other side, the London support was fully appreciated by the members of the British Association of Japan. Above all they looked beyond their own immediate problems and foresaw the importance of united effort in determining the answer to the pressing question set forth by the author of "The Coming Struggle in Eastern Asia." Those who had read the book would remember the significance of the closing lines "Eastern Asia is once more on the eve of great events. What part shall England play?" That was the question to which members of the China Association, because of their commercial interests in China, Japan, and Korea, must largely determine the answer. Nearly fifty years ago Sir Rutherford Alcock, the first British Minister to Japan, answering a similar question with reference to the same countries, wrote:—"What British interests are at the present day, and what the object of our policy, needs no explanation. Commerce is with us the one sole object." In the half century since those words were written, many proofs of their honesty of purpose and sincerity of intention had been given both to China and Japan, proofs which ought to carry weight in all future discussions affecting mutual rights that that statement regarding the

soupe of British interests in the Far East remained just as true to-day as it was fifty years ago. They sought no selfish advantage, they did not want political control, they had no ambition for territory. But they did claim reciprocity—the liberty and the right to carry on their trade in a fair field and with no favour—(Applause). With such a policy and with such long-standing proofs of its continuity, the goal at which they aimed was perfectly clear. It was the removal by peaceful means of all the obstacles, natural or artificial, to the easy and free exchanges of commerce; the removal of all discriminations or subventions which made for unequal or unfair competition. (Applause). Such a policy must redound at least as much to the benefit of the people of the East as to themselves and when widely known and as fully understood as it should be—and in that regard each member of the China Association could render good service—it entitled them to the fullest benefits of the open door without any question. (Applause). It was in that connection that the China Association justified its existence. As a co-operative body permitted to voice the needs of the members to the responsible officers of His Majesty's Government they could say what they wanted and what they did not want, and so exert an influence in securing conditions necessary to their purposes. It was the only form of representation possessed by the commerce of vast and varied extent, the figures relating to the share of the British Empire in the imports and exports of Eastern Asia though totalling the huge sum of sixty millions sterling or thereabouts gave but a partial idea of the large British interests concerned in the trade, shipping, insurance and finance, of the most populated portion of the world's surface. But just because the China Association enjoyed the privilege and opportunity of exercising such an influence, just so it was necessary that the opinions advanced should be right opinions, enlightened and guided by knowledge, and no blind judgments based on ignorance or misapprehension. That brought them back once more to personal responsibility, a responsibility which could not be too strongly urged on every member, especially those who were on the fighting line ten thousand miles away, for on them would rest the progress or the downfall of British trade and commerce in Eastern Asia.

There never was a time when Eastern affairs were in a more interesting state of flux, never a time when the consequences at stake were so great. To rightly appreciate and prepare for the developments that would inevitably follow, an inquiring, friendly and sympathetic attitude of mind was absolutely necessary. The Chinese language school, in the promotion and progress of which the President had taken a prominent part, was an excellent step in that direction. No better commendation would be made by the envoys of British commerce towards acquiring a facility for accommodation to new circumstances, an insight into local conditions, an access to the minds and hearts of the people among whom they traded, than by securing a knowledge of the language. The Japan branch, recognising the importance of this fact had prepared a scheme—covering a course of study divided into six stages extending over three years. Certificates were granted for each stage successfully passed. These certificates were not only proofs of knowledge but undeniable evidences of earnestness and industry. The scheme had been in operation only a few months but already a great obstacle was seen in the uncertainty that often surrounded the stay of an employee in Japan. So many firms regarded their Eastern staffs as interchangeable between the different countries. In these days that was undoubtedly a mistake. Conditions of trade and general surroundings in Japan were totally different to those prevailing in China or elsewhere, and each country required a special experience, the longer the better. The days of the intermediary compradore or banto had almost passed away in Japan, and to secure successful and satisfactory business it was now more and more necessary to possess a personal acquaintance with clients, and a working knowledge of the language. No interpreter, however able, could make up for the lack of those requirements. On account of this need for personal touch between the British merchant and his Japanese constituents for an understanding of each other's ways of thought it seemed advisable that those employed by British firms in Japan should be encouraged to consider themselves as permanently established and not subject to sudden transfer to another sphere where their knowledge, to gain which they might have spent considerable work and thought and self denial, would be thrown away and might prove even a hindrance. Those who were working amidst the changing conditions of the East might easily fail to realise the great differences which had taken place, and the still greater differences to which they must look forward. As an illustration of their vital and important character, they might look at the comparison between Japan's distrustful antagonism of fifty years ago and the sentiment expressed in the receipt issued on the 14th October of this year by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. For instance, "East and West are dependant on one another for the promotion of mutual welfare. On this account we should endeavour to cultivate friendship with other nations. At the same time it is highly important that we should be united with other countries in advancing industries." Fifty years ago Japan in her weakness would fain have shut the door to Western trade. To-day Japan in her strength sent forth that invitation to co-operate in the peaceful arts of Commerce. A change which in view of the commercial tendencies of the people they might reasonably hope would bring about similar results, was now taking place in China—a change, or rather a revolution promising in its consequences to be the greatest revolution the world had ever seen, politically, socially, economically, reconstructing the entire basis of national life.

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It was a satisfaction to know at such a time that the President was shortly leaving to visit the scene of these important developments and that all wished him a safe journey, a pleasant visit and a safe return, to give again to the Committee of the Association the benefit of his wise and experienced counsel. (Applause).

Mr. SCOTT in replying referred to the President of the Association as a mere figure head, but loud cries of "No" met the declaration. He proceeded to mildly reprimand the speakers who had avoided his example by speaking long and had thereby reduced the time available for friendly conversation afterwards.

At any rate he hoped that the officials to follow in years to come would take heed of his words that such a gathering was intended to be a social one and not one for lengthy speeches.

Mr. SCOTT was much cheered and the toast was greeted with musical honours.

After that there was a short reunion of old friends in the reception room and then the gathering dispersed.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association was held last night at the Sanitary Board Room under the presidency of Dr. Harston. There was a good attendance. The President having addressed the meeting, the Secretary (Dr. Sanders) gave his annual report, after which the election of office-bearers was proceeded with. Deputy Inspector General Tait was appointed president, Dr. Atkinson, Stedman, Jordan, Captain Collingwood, R.A.M.C., and Staff Surgeon Bais, R.N., were elected members of Council. Dr. Sanders was re-appointed secretary and treasurer, and Major Probyn, Dr. Black, and Fleet Surgeon Beadnell, R.N., were elected to the Library Sub-Committee. Sir Francis Lovell and Deputy Inspector General Tait gave addresses. Dr. Harston, the retiring president, was awarded a vote of thanks.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN
THE CELLS.

A Chinese seaman, who with a companion had been arrested by the police for disorderly conduct, was placed in a cell at the Central Station. As a rule prisoners are deprived of everything they can use against themselves, but Chinese are allowed to retain their queue strings. This prisoner used his queue string in an attempt to take his life. He tied one end to an iron bar in the window and fastened the other around his neck. When the police discovered him he was unconscious and they succeeded in bringing him round. He was brought before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday and was bound over in the sum of fifty dollars to be of good behaviour and to find two sureties of twenty five dollars each.

WILD HAIRY MAN.

Great excitement prevailed at Carcarr, New South Wales, on October 26th, noon when it was reported that the Carcarr and Bays police had captured a wild hairy man from a bush near Brown's Creek.

A great crowd followed the police to the hospital, where the man was conveyed for treatment. It appears that the man has led a nomadic life near Brown's Creek for 25 years, living in a small bark hut, but only just long enough for him to crawl in. The hair upon his head was 4ft. long, of great thickness, and considerably matted together, with the exception of five or six well cared for curls. The man, J. Fitzgerald, states he has not washed or combed his hair for eight years, and considering his age and mode of living is well preserved.

He is a man of gigantic stature, and had he been met in the bush by any stranger they would certainly have received a great fright, for his appearance was decidedly uncanny.

Being visiting day at the hospital many people availed themselves of the privilege of visiting him. He informed the public that he had been a follower of our Lord for ten years, a follower of Samson for ten years, and had now been a follower of Hercules for eight years; and intended cutting his hair in two years' time. The hospital authorities had to call upon the local police to force him to have a bath. He informed them that a bath was unnatural, and that he had not had one since his mother bathed him. He is suffering from influenza and neglect.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Harold Porter, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul for the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, to reside at Canton.

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BEKANNMACHUNG.

Im hiesigen Handelsregister Abt. A Bd. I ist unter Nr. 3 an der Firma CARLOWITZ & Co. eingetragen worden: Die HANS HOYER in Solinghain erteilt Prokura ist geschlossen. ADOLF SCHAEFFE in Hamburg ist Kollektiv-Prokura, ROBERT FRISCH und ALBRECHT SCHULZ in Tientsin Prokura erteilt worden. CANTON, den 23. November 1908. KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT. [1612]

SITUATION.

GENTLEMAN Speaking French and German fluently, and with a fair knowledge of English is desirous of obtaining employment. Security can be furnished, if wanted, up to \$2,000. Apply to—Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 27th November, 1908. [1613]

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TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of 5000 CASKS of ALSEN CEMENT to be delivered c.i.f. Wongsai Railway Wharf not later than end of January, 1909. Specification of same will be given to any who intend to tender on applying to the ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE'S OFFICE, Canton. Tenders will be open on the 11th of DECEMBER at 2 P.M. in the Railway Head Office, Canton. The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO. LTD. Canton, 25th November, 1908. [1614]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION. In the Goods of CHARLES COLLETT late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong. Mercantile Assistant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has this day by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 (Probate Ordinance, 1897) made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above estate to the 24th January, 1909. All Creditors and other persons having Claims against the above estate are hereby required to send Particulars of the same to the Vice Consul for Norway, Hongkong, before that date. Dated the 21st day of November, 1908. BRUTTON & HETT, Nos. 39, 41 & 43, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong. Solicitors for the Administrator. [1615]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DEVANHA," Captain W. HAYES, will leave for Shanghai, TO DAY, at 2 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. on the 28th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Managers. Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [16]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"OCEANA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From London, &c., ex "Mongolia." From Persian Gulf ex B. I. S. N. and B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours. Goods not cleared by the 2nd Dec., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th November, 1908. [1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd Dec., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd Dec., or they will not be recognized. All broken, damaged, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 2nd Dec., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1610]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the year 1908, of Thirty Cents per share, will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after FRIDAY, 27th November, 1908, on Warrants to be obtained at the Company's Office.

The Dividend will also be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on and after the same date.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 24th instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares will be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 17th November, 1908. [1585]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of DECEMBER, 1908, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 17th day of November, 1908, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased by the sum of \$112,500 divided into 15,000 Shares of \$7.50 each and that the Directors be authorised to allot such shares pro rata among the existing shareholders according to the number of shares in respect of which they may, on the 27th day of October, 1908, be registered, in the proportion of three new shares for each complete lot of five shares held by them on that date and that any of such new shares remaining over after such allotment shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion.

2. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting paragraph 2 of Article IX and by substituting therefor the following paragraph.

2. The Register, or Registers, of shareholders and the Register of Transfer may be closed for such period or periods at such time or times as the Directors may think fit but the period or periods of such closure shall not exceed in the whole 30 days in any one year.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. A. SETH, Secretary. Hongkong, 17th November, 1908. [1602]

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"That the Directors be authorised to declare a bonus or dividend out of the Reserve and Reserve Funds or out of the accumulated profits of the Company sufficient to pay a call of \$5.00 per share upon the New Capital already authorised to be raised by Special Resolution and that such bonus or dividend be appropriated for the purpose of paying such call."

By Order, S. A. SETH, Secretary. Hongkong, 17th November, 1908. [1603]

AUCTION

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT has received instruction from the Mortgagee to Sell by Public Auction, On FRIDAY, the 4th DECEMBER, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

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S. W. TSO, Solicitor for the Mortgagee or to Mr. GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [1587]

INTIMATIONS

NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that applications are invited for the appointment of a FEMALE PROBATIONER NURSE, now vacant, in the MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Application in the Handwriting of the applicants with certificates of character, etc., should be forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, at the CIVIL HOSPITAL, not later than NOON of the 7th DECEMBER next.

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Full particulars may be had on application. J. BELL, Principal Civil Medical Officer. Medical Department, Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1608]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL, November 30th, 1908. Scotsmen (Naval, Military, or Members of the Civil Community) desiring to Subscribe to the above are requested to forward their names to the Undersigned.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 30th Nov., or they will not be recognised.

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F. NALIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908.

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SUPREME COURT

Thursday, 26th November.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

[BEFORE THE FULL COURT.]

APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C. instructed by Mr. E. P. Lang (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) moved for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the judgment of the Full Court dismissing the appeal to set aside the verdict of the special jury in the case in which Buter, Brockelmann and Co. were appellants, and Tung Lok Tong and others respondents.

Counsel referred to the Chief Justice's decision in the Appeal Court as justifying this application. In his opening his Lordship said the case contained questions of considerable importance, some of them travelling beyond the domain of familiar law, and it was proper that they should be submitted a second time to the Court. Then again he said the question which this case raised was one of considerable importance, and was one which he did not approach without considerable anxiety. Counsel concluded his address by saying that he respondents should give security for payment of the appellants' cost in the event of the Privy Council upholding the appeal.

The Chief Justice—They are not bound to. It has been a custom when judgments have been given for Counsel to say they are considering their position and that they want a stay of execution with regard to costs, as was done in this case, and the undertaking of the solicitor to repay the costs in the event of the appeal being refused. Neither the Puisse Judge nor myself are satisfied that that is the proper practice.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I don't think it is. The Chief Justice—At the same time we feel that there is a difficulty in dealing with this payment of costs between judgment and the time for applying to the Privy Council, and all we want to say now is that next time the question arises it must be fully argued.

Their Lordships granted leave to appeal, and left the question of security to be settled by the Registrar.

APPEAL AGAINST A MAGISTRATE'S DECISION.

The Colonial Treasurer v. H. Ruttonjee and H. G. Ruttonjee.

This case arose out of an alleged breach of Section 25 of the Stamp Ordinance 1907, in which the defendants were charged with receiving three payments from one Stella Bromfield, without stamping the receipts.

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C.), instructed by Mr. Denys (of the Crown Solicitor's office) appeared for the appellant, while Mr. H. J. Ruttonjee appeared in person.

The Attorney-General said this was a case stated by the Magistrate under section 98 of the Magistrates Ordinance of 1890 in regard to a decision which he gave in a case in which the respondents were defendants. Their Lordships would observe that the learned Magistrate found in favour of the respondents, and he did so on the grounds that the receipts were given by servants acting within the ordinary scope of their duties. In addition however, to the cases cited before the Magistrate there were various other authorities, and as far as he read the law, it appeared to be quite clear that where servants were acting within the scope of their authority, unless it could be shown they were doing something for their own benefit in which the master did not participate, the master was liable.

The Court expressed a desire to hear the respondent.

Mr. Ruttonjee said—I appear for my father and myself. We have been tried by a court of competent jurisdiction and discharged. We have been summoned here by the Crown to be retried on the same charge and appear under protest. If we had been convicted, we would willingly have paid any fine imposed on us. The fault, if any, is the fault of our servants. Our solicitor appeared for us and raised the defence that we are not liable for the acts of our servants. Under the circumstances the Magistrate took that view. We are informed by our solicitor that the Crown are proposing to ask for costs in the event of the Magistrate's decision being reversed. We feel that we have taken our trial and been discharged, and that therefore we cannot be brought to this Court, and made to pay the costs of an appeal by the Crown against the decision of a Magistrate who is a Government Official. The appeal, I understand, is on a question of law, which only concerns us in so far as it concerns the community in general. We leave the matter in the hands of your Lordships with the repeated statement that we appear here because we are summoned and under protest.

The Chief Justice—What the respondent has just said I am afraid we cannot take account of. The law provides that if one party is dissatisfied with the decision of a Magistrate, a case may be stated for the further opinion of this Court. So far as the question is concerned, the ordinance imposes the duty to stamp a receipt. On whom does it impose it? On the person who receives the money. Who is the person who receives the money? The person who ultimately receives it, i.e., the person to whom it is due, and to whom it is, in fact, and in law, paid. To hold otherwise would defeat the object of the Ordinance. The duty being imposed on a certain person, it is his duty to comply with the Ordinance. He cannot evade liability to the penalty by allowing other persons to physically receive the money on his behalf, and who may or may not stamp the receipt. I doubt very much whether a servant would be liable, but I do not express any opinion on this point. There is no question of complicity—merely a question of breach of the Ordinance. Therefore, I am of opinion that the Magistrate's decision was wrong. The question goes back to the Magistrate now to impose a fine.

The Attorney-General—I assume your Lordships will find the Act to be valid.

section 100?

The Chief Justice—I think it is better that it should go back to the Magistrate as he knows the circumstances much better than we do. I will remit it back to the Magistrate to deal with in accordance with his opinion.

The Puisse Judge—in reference to the judgment of the learned Chief Justice, I have only to say that I think the principles in the Attorney-General v. the Carlton Bank fully cover this case. It does not seem necessary to express an opinion as to whether an assistant would be liable or not. Therefore I express no opinion.

The Chief Justice—Will the Crown press for costs?

The Attorney-General—This is a case in which the master of a shop endeavours to escape liability to the Crown.

The Chief Justice—But the Magistrate being in his favour, I only suggest that perhaps you won't.

The Attorney-General did not, and the Court remitted the case to the Magistrate with the expression of their opinion.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE ALIANA ESTATE.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman, trustee in bankruptcy, said this case was adjourned in order that he might consider what steps should be taken with regard to a certain deed. He understood that another petition against the same debtor had been filed, and the time for hearing that petition had not yet arrived. Therefore he would ask his Lordship to adjourn the case for a week. The other petition filed altered the state of things, and it could not then be heard as the eight days after service were not up.

Mr. John Hastings (of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) said he appeared for the petitioner in the first petition. He did not understand what these proceedings were, as his Lordship had made a receiving order.

His Lordship—An interim receiving order.

Mr. Hastings—No. On my petition you made a receiving order.

His Lordship—Last time I think you argued that on presentation of the petition no other creditors had a locus standi. This case shows that on presentation of a petition other people may have a locus standi.

Mr. Hastings—I don't understand how another petition can be presented, for a receiving order has already been made.

His Lordship—I don't see why not: they may have to be consolidated afterwards.

The case was adjourned for a week.

A QUESTION OF DOMICILE.

Re Chan Yu Sun.

Mr. John Hastings represented the petitioning creditor, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared to oppose the petition.

Sir Henry Berkeley asked that the petition be dismissed on the ground that the personal requirements of the Bankruptcy Ordinance had not been fulfilled in the case of the debtor so as to render him liable to the jurisdiction of this Court.

His Lordship—I think the case now stands with Mr. Hastings.

Mr. Hastings—Your Lordship adjourned the case on the last occasion for further evidence, and directed that the Kwong Man shop should be subpoenaed, so I suppose they must be called.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I take this objection to shorten the proceedings. Unless the evidence is directed solely in support of the petition, then there is no need to call any evidence. The petition rests its claim to the jurisdiction of the Court on the allegations that the debtor had a place of business in Hongkong.

His Lordship—There is an issue directed to see whether the man comes within the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Ordinance. The issue is really raised by your client, and he says this man is not domiciled, or within the jurisdiction of the Court. To clear up the point the partner of the Kwong Man should be called.

Mr. Hastings—He is my friend's witness.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I am not calling him for you. If you want him, call him.

After the evidence of the managing partner of the Kwong Man had been taken,

Mr. Hastings said he did not admit that the debtor was foreign at all. On inquiring into the circumstances he was told that he had been resident in the Colony for three or four years; and that he went down to Annam annually to buy cinnamon. The debtor may have resided half the year in Annam and half the year in Hongkong, but that did not matter much. The facts admitted were that he brought goods from Annam regularly in order to sell them in Hongkong, and he did sell them in Hongkong. He could not see what his Lordship's doubt in the matter was. The case seemed absolutely plain, and to go far beyond the authorities quoted.

His Lordship—He must be a person to whom the Bankruptcy Act applies.

Mr. Hastings—I quite admit that.

His Lordship—The proposition is that unless he is a person subject to the laws of the Colony he is not subject to the Bankruptcy law.

Mr. Hastings—I quite agree with that. A foreigner who comes within the jurisdiction is not subject to the Bankruptcy law; a Britisher out of the jurisdiction who commits an act of bankruptcy, is because of his nationality. But a foreigner coming here temporarily and doing business here, if he commits an act of bankruptcy is subject to the jurisdiction.

His Lordship—I am very anxious to get this point settled. It came up a few years ago, but has never been mentioned since.

Sir Henry Berkeley said the question on which the decision of the Court would turn was merely one of fact. It was a question of fact, mingled with law, whether the man was domiciled here, and it was a question of fact whether he ordinarily resided here, whether he

had a dwelling house and whether he had a business place here. It would be straining language to say that this casual visitor from Annam had a place of business in Hongkong.

Mr. Hastings—Sir Henry Berkeley confined his argument to a place of business, but I am not confined to that at all. I say he had a dwelling house.

His Lordship—I thought I indicated that a casual visitor could not possibly be a dwelling house.

Sir Henry Berkeley—I am quite prepared to deal with that view if your Lordship wants to hear me.

His Lordship—I don't.

Mr. Hastings—I don't see any difference in principle. No doubt this room was the man's abode, so to speak, and he paid \$8 a month rent. I submit it is his dwelling house, also his ordinary residence. The question of his taking one room or fifty makes no difference.

His Lordship reserved his decision.

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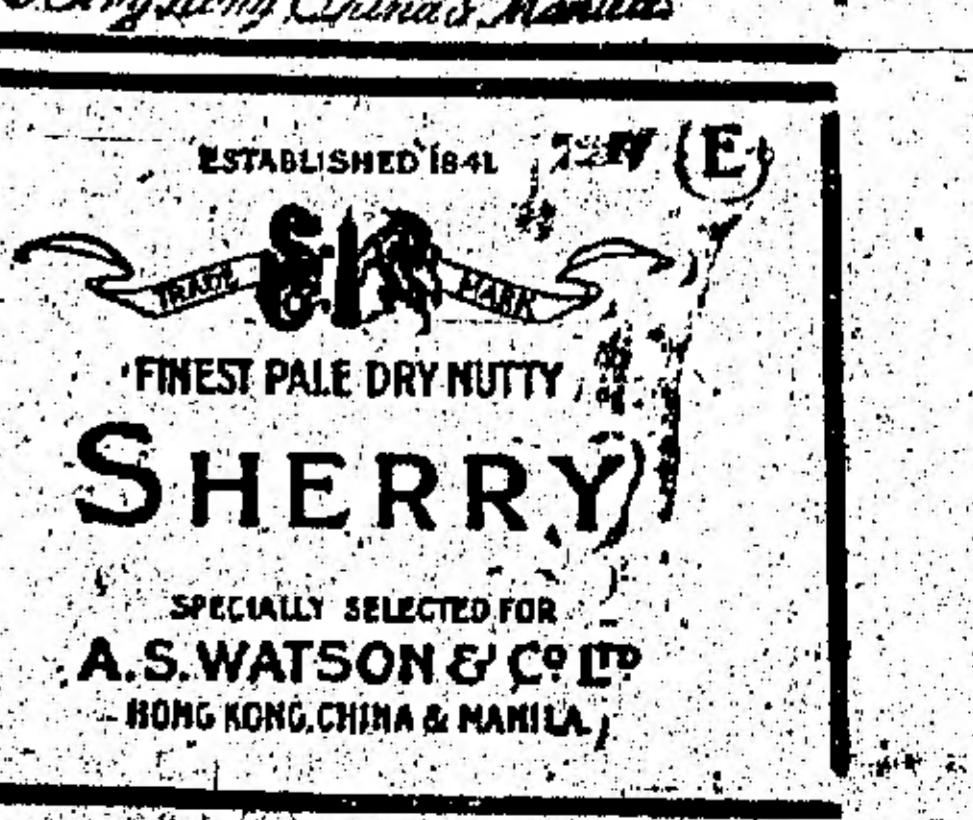
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Swatow and Shanghai	Yawata Maru	Friday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Devanah	Friday, 27th, 1.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA.)	Sui Tai	Friday, 27th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Friday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Friday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Saturday, 28th, 8.00 A.M.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and Macassar	Tylianap	Saturday, 28th, 8.00 A.M.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Packong	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Yahking	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE &c, India via Taticorin (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Oceanic	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
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Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA.)	Empress of China	Saturday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

Shanghai, Hongkong, Amoy and Foochow	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

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Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kunwang	Wednesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

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Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

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Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

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Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA.)	Aldenhams	Thursday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Muthilde	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki	Hikosan Maru	Sunday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA.)	China	Saturday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
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ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 214
Credits, at 4 months sight 214

ON GERMANY—
On demand 174
On New York—
Bank Bills, on demand 414
Credits, at 60 days sight 424

ON BOMBAY—
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Bank, on demand 124

ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 124
Bank, on demand 124

ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight 754
Private, 30 days sight 764

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